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SUBJECT: DOTA DIRECTIVE CALLING FOR DEVELOPMENT OF BUILD-
- - ING CODES.

DOTA NO. 419-TT

ONE OF MY DIRECTIVES CALLED FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF BUILDING
CODES FOR THE TT. WHAT WE ARE SEEKING IS A SET OF
STANDARDS--STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC BUILDING AND RESIDENTIAL
BUILDING--THAT WILL MINIMIZE HEALTH AND FIRE HAZARDS. WE
DO NOT SUGGEST THAT EVERY MICRONESIAN BE REQUIRED TO HAVE
A CONCRETE HOUSE WITH EXCESSIVE WATER AND POWER FACILITIES.
IF A MICRONESIAN BUILDS A THATCH HOUSE HE SHOULD NOT BE
REQUIRED TO INSTALL ELECTRIC LIGHTS BUT, IF HE DOES, HE
SHOULD MEET SOME MINIMUM STANDARDS WHICH WILL LOWER THE
POSSIBILITIES OF FIRE. THE SAME WOULD GO FOR PLUMBING
AND SANITATION. WITH REGARD TO MOST BUILDINGS TO WHICH
THE PUBLIC HAS ACCESS, THE GOVERNMENT CAN REQUIRE PROPER
AND SUFFICIENT CONSTRUCTION THROUGH ITS CONTRACTS AND
PERMITS IN MOST INSTANCES. HOWEVER, AS THE MICRONESIAN
ECONOMY EXPANDS, MORE AND MORE PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS WILL BE
CONSTRUCTING BUILDINGS TO WHICH THE PUBLIC WILL HAVE
ACCESS. IT WOULD SEEM WISE TO ESTABLISH STANDARDS FOR
SUCH BUILDINGS AT THIS TIME. WE HAVE NO PARTICULAR
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PREFERENCE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THE STANDARDS ARE TT-WIDE

AND ENACTED BY THE CONGRESS OF MICRONESIA, OR WHETHER THEY
ARE DISTRICT-WIDE AND ENACTED BY THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICT
LEGISLATURES. YOU MIGHT MAKE YOUR TASK MORE EASY BY
APPROACHING THE CONGRESS IN THE FIRST INSTANCE IN LIEU
OF HAVING TO DEAL WITH EACH INDIVIDUAL LEGISLATURE.
DOTA ZEDER SENDS.

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